



## **NEW MOSTON HOME WATCH ASSOCIATION**

**NEW MOSTON CLUB, PARKFIELD ROAD  
NORTH**

**Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at 7.00pm**

### **Committee present**

B Hoyle (Chairman)

D. Ross – Vice Chairman

N Bowerbank – Treasurer

J Chapman (Secretary)

### **Police Representatives**

PCSO John Cannon (A4)

PCSO Janet McNamara (A4)

PCSO Debra Robinson (Chadderton)

PCSO Smith (Chadderton)

There were seventeen other members present.

### **Apologies**

Mr and Mrs Fitton

Lesley Pulman

Sgt Girtchen

Mr and Mrs Fairclough

Failsworth Team

Mary Kileen

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

The minutes of Chadderton Home watch had been received by the Secretary. There were a few points of interest.

1 **BT scam** this scam varied slightly from the one identified last month. This time someone calls saying that because of an unpaid bill, the line will be no longer be in use for outgoing calls. When the caller stays on the line after you have replaced the receiver, you are unable to continue to use the telephone leading you to believe that your phone has actually been cut off. The caller then comes back onto the line and because their actions have given more credibility to the story, people then are asked for their card details.

2 **Water Officials scam** there have been several scams with people pretending to be from the United Utilities/Water Board. Please remember that if you have a water meter the Water Board do not have to have access to your premises. You can also have a password which will be required by United Utilities operatives if they ever need to call at your home. You can organise this by calling 0845 746 1100.

3 **Sheds.** Remember that should a thief decide to break into your shed, he can usually remove the screws from the door hinges and lift off the door. You can buy special screws to prevent this at your nearest DIY Superstore. Some residents however are simply not even locking the doors.

Debra introduced Anne Marie Smith who would be attending our meeting in future as Debra is moving to a different area. Welcome Anne Marie.

**John**

1 There has been an increase in burglaries throughout GMP. In one house in Anfield Rd an elderly lady let in a bogus caller. Whilst she was distracted another person managed to steal £40,000 from upstairs. The money had been withdrawn from the bank after feeling worried about the current banking situation.

2 Janet stopped two people from Eon who were actually carrying out permitted calls on homes for the company. When their names were put through the police computer they turned out to both have previous convictions for burglary. They had not disclosed this information at the time of employment, and as a result both were sacked by the company. Well done Janet.

It is very easy to forge identification badges so we always say that you should not allow access to anyone claiming to be from any service that arrives without an appointment. If one is made over the telephone, always ring the official number to check the details are correct first. Don't use any number that is given to you over the telephone. The correct number is always on your utility bill, or service provider.

John explained that there was quite a lot of work being carried out in the area by the Community Payback Scheme. The people who carry out this work are on probation. They are supervised but we should be aware that this service is designed to deter criminals from further offences but it does not work for everyone. We should make sure our doors and windows are secure and this may well be enough to deter an opportunist thief.

There were reports that a group of twenty plus youths are congregating outside the shops and public swimming baths on Broadway on a regular basis. The police are monitoring this situation closely.

Norma congratulated the police on their swift response to an incident involving youths and car crime in the Fairway area.

Janet and John had been involved in some training about the TV digital switchover. Janet is to speak to the appropriate person to see if they can come to a future meeting to speak to us about the event.

Tony Novotney is going to bring a presentation to our next meeting about bogus callers.

We were made aware of a pilot scheme in the St Georges Square area which involves Trading Standards to have very visible signs telling people that this is a no cold calling area. If this is successful it may be expanded to other areas.



The above photograph was taken when Don, Janet and Norma went to a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Tony Lloyd MP to discuss the future plans for Moston Ward. Once again we attended as representatives of New Moston Home Watch Association.

Much of the meeting was taken up by discussions about Moston Lane. Janet raised the point that many residents of New Moston actually used shops on Hollinwood Avenue and not Moston Lane. She explained that minutes of our meetings stretching back over a matter of years would show concerns about this particular area which include crime, litter, Pavement issues, parking and a host of others. Tony Lloyd felt that our current service providers should be to responding to these issues.

Don brought up the problems which are affecting local residents since the announcement that Oldham Athletic Football Club may be moving to a new site at the junction of Broadway and Oldham Road. Paul Murphy stated that he was amazed that yet again Oldham planning department had failed to consult with Manchester.

Josie asked if members were aware of possible plans to have an elected mayor in Manchester. Some members had received information by post. Others had found information in the library. It was apparent that some people knew nothing about the issue at all. This was surprising since it will affect everyone.

The Secretary had been contacted by Janet Hadley asking if a lady from Higher Blackley could attend one of our meetings. This is as a result of Lesley's idea to share information with other groups. Everyone said that she would receive a warm welcome.

The football card was won by Bernard Crick.

## **Next Meeting – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 – 7.00pm**

### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

<b>POLICE EMERGENCY</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>POLICE NON EMERGENCY</b>	<b>872 5050</b>
<b>HARPURHEY</b>	<b>856 4502</b>
<b>ANTI TERRORIST</b>	<b>0800 789 321</b>
<b>CRIMESTOPPERS</b>	<b>0800 555 111</b>
<b>FREE FIRE CHECK</b>	<b>0800 555 815</b>

<b>Janet Chapman - Secretary</b>	<b>07970 057 015</b>
<b>Councillor Cooper</b>	<b>682 8170</b>
<b>Councillor Murphy</b>	<b>681 0828</b>
<b>Home Watch Administrator (Janet Hadley)</b>	<b>856 3610</b>
<b>Fiery (Fri and Sat night 4.00pm – midnight)</b>	<b>856 4505</b>
<b>Wardens services</b>	<b>205 9049</b>
<b>Antisocial Behaviour Action Team</b>	<b>234 4610</b>

**DON'T FORGET TO REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE NO  
MATTER HOW SMALL. REMEMBER TO GET A LOG NUMBER FOR  
ALL CRIME YOU REPORT WHEN TELEPHONING 872 5050**